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Councillor seeks stop to U.S. donations

POLITICS Election rules that allow U.S. citizens to donate to the campaigns of mayoral candidates should be changed, Non-Partisan Association Coun. Suzanne Anton said yesterday.

Anton said she is writing a letter to B.C.'s Community Development Minister Blair Lekstrom after Vancouver mayor-elect Gregor Robertson disclosed he received tens of thousands of dollars in donations from U.S. residents.

All donations were legal, but Anton wants that rule changed.

"American residents are not allowed to donate to the campaigns of our prime minister or members of parliament," she said. "So how is it right that they can help elect our mayors?"

All donations to this year's civic election campaign over $99 must be reported by candidates and campaign organizations by March 2009.

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PM, Flaherty talk recession

Canada could dip into a technical recession later this year or early 2009, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday, vowing to use fiscal stimulus if needed.

Harper told reporters at an Asia-Pacific leaders summit any stimulus package must be effective in boosting domestic consumption and stimulating investment, while avoiding the creation of long-term budget deficits.

"The most recent private sector forecast suggests the strong possibility of a technical recession at the end of this year, beginning of next," he told a news conference in Lima.

This month, the IMF said Canada was the only developed country that it expected to post growth next year amid a widening global financial and economic crisis.

But Harper said rising deflationary pressures were a "worrying development" that required him to rethink temporarily his longstanding opposition to deficit spending.

"The government of Canada today is not planning a deficit," he stressed.

Ottawa would resort to fiscal stimulus measures only "if we can assure ourselves that we can do that while preserving a structural surplus," said Harper.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, who is due to present updated fiscal and economic projections on Thursday, also said yesterday that Canada's economy has been pushed into "a technical recession in the last quarter of this year and the first quarter of next year."

Flaherty reiterated that any fresh economic stimulus would not come in his budget update Thursday, saying he would consider such a package for next year's budget plan.

"We're not going to artificially balance the budget to avoid having additional stimulus," he said. "This is an economic problem that is global and it is serious, and we all need to take the actions in our own countries to help the world economy recover." REUTERS

CFL **Calgary's cup**

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Calgary Stampeders' Miguel Robede celebrates with the Grey Cup after defeating the Montreal Alouettes 22-14 in the CFL's 96th Grey Cup final last night in Montreal. **Story, page 14**

B.C. scientists make breast-cancer find

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A team of scientists at the B.C. Cancer Agency in Vancouver have made a milestone discovery in the fight to end breast cancer, the agency announced yesterday.

The findings, which were published this week in the medical journal Nature Medicine, will allow scientists to better study breast stem cells, likely the culprits behind breast cancers.

"The leap we made … is we've devised a way to detect and see those stem cells in breasts," said Peter Eirew, lead author of the study. "Up until now we haven't been able to set them apart from the other cells."

In the study, the team transplanted breast stem cells into special mice that don't have immune systems.

Researchers found that each of those cells was able to re-grow a complete miniature, milk-producing mammary gland after being transplanted.

"Now we can hone in on studying those cells, figure out how they work and develop drugs that can go after them when they go wrong," said Eirew.

"There is tremendous potential for this knowledge to accelerate the identification of better treatments for breast cancer, particularly," added Connie Eaves, Director of the B.C. Cancer Agency's Terry Fox Laboratory.

Because malfunctioning stem cells are thought to be causes of many cancers, the techniques discovered at the B.C. Cancer Agency might also be applicable to other types of cancers.

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Whistler Olympic and Paralympic Park officially open
The Whistler Olympic and Paralympic Park was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday. MP John Weston and B.C. Minister for State and Sport Gary Lunn praised the multi-sport venue as a lasting community legacy. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

20 suspended over 'Kick a Ginger Day'

A group of 20 Vancouver Island middle-school students were sent home for attacking red-haired classmates Thursday as part of "Kick a Ginger Day." The idea came from a Facebook group inspired by South Park. CBC NEWS ONLINE

News in brief

PHARMACY A Downtown Eastside pharmacy had its licence suspended and was ordered to close indefinitely after it was found to violate "medicine management" issues, CBC News Online reports. AYC Pharmacy on East Hastings Street allegedly paid kickbacks to customers for filling their prescriptions. METRO NEWS SERVICE

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Reconciliation work honoured

Protesters claim church 'posing' in awarding native woman

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An aboriginal grandmother received one of the highest honours the Catholic Church bestows on a layperson at GM Place yesterday, while residential-school survivors and their supporters protested the ceremony outside.

Shirley Leon was awarded the Benemerenti Pontifical Medal at a mass celebrating the centennial anniversary of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Leon retired this year as a member of the Canadian Catholic Church's Aboriginal Council for Reconciliation, where she consulted with priests and aboriginal people about reconciliation after the closing of residential schools.

Outside, Ricky Lavallie claimed he saw his older brother killed at a residential school, and the church is shirking its responsibilities by hiding behind the government and letting it take the fall.

Kevin Annett, spokesperson for the Friends And Relatives of the Disappeared, said it's outrageous the Catholic Church is "posing as a friend of Native people."

"(The medal) is a pat on the head (from the church) for helping improve their image to natives," he said. "Reconciliation is just a word. It's the action that counts."

Annett said there can be no reconciliation until the church gives proper burials to the native children who died at residential schools and "surrenders those responsible for their death."

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Walter Lynxleg protests the Catholic Church's historical treatment of aboriginals yesterday by GM Place, where 15,000 attended a ceremony to honour a B.C. woman recognized by the Pope.

Robbery, stabbing at jewelry store

WEEKEND A Langley jewelry store was the scene of violence twice over the weekend.

Three men were questioned by police and released after masked robbers held up Golden Tree Jewellers at Willowbrook Mall on Friday night.

A display case was shot and others smashed, as the robbers left with an undisclosed amount of jewelry.

Langley RCMP evacuated the mall to collect evidence, and Const. Holly Marks said a "substantial amount of jewelry was recovered near the mall."

The next morning, a 25-year-old man was stabbed in the neck in front of the same jewelry store. Marks said the stabber and victim didn't know each other and the victim's injuries were superficial. METRO VANCOUVER

Crime

- No suspects have been arrested in either incident.

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The 10 "johns" ranged in age from 21 to 60 years, and according to Const. Casey Vinet, most were frequent customers of the sex trade.

The men have all been released to appear in court at a later date.

"We want johns to think twice about obtaining the services of a prostitute," Vinet said.

"They should know that the person they are approaching may be a police officer."

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Economic report today

ECONOMY The B.C. government is releasing an economic report this morning that is expected to announce spending will be reined in as provincial revenues continue to fall.

B.C. Finance Minister Colin Hansen said that this report, which sets the table for the province's February budget, doesn't include government cuts.

The report will also include a revision of the estimated $1-billion surplus made about two months ago — the surplus will likely be smaller than expected. **METRO VANCOUVER**

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EMERGENCY A 50-year-old scuba diving trainer suffered a heart attack just off of Whytecliff Park in West Vancouver yesterday, news1130.com reports. He was taken to hospital after his students helped get him out of the water.

HOTLINE British Columbians can now obtain non-emergency health information over the phone by dialing 811 or by going to the HealthLink B.C. website. The 811 system cost more than $3 million to set up and it'll cost about $5.5 million yearly to maintain.

JUNK FOOD Two Burnaby high school students who sold junk food out of their lockers are donating their earnings to charity, CBC News Online reports. Frank Summerford and Mark Stoklosa started an underground junk-food shop after a provincial ban on candy and chocolate bar sales came into effect in September.

PICKTON A group staged a vigil outside the Port Coquitlam pig farm of serial killer Robert Pickton this weekend to ask that the property be turned into a memorial.

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5 survive plane crash in Manitoba

Five people, including a baby, escaped serious injury when a twin-engine medevac plane crash-landed and burst into flames in northern Manitoba on Saturday night. The Transportation Safety Board is investigating. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada

"The auto-sector demand alone could cause our deficit to dramatically balloon." **Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty**

Bailout

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, left, has warned that giving taxpayers' money to support the auto sector could drive the province's deficit into dangerous territory. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Torch to touch Canada

The torch relay for the 2010 Winter Olympics will cover 45,000 kilometres and pass through 266 British Columbia communities as it crosses Canada.

The relay will be the longest domestic torch run in Olympic history and will also include 115 Aboriginal communities across Canada, organizers said.

"Aboriginal culture is an important part of Canada's history," said Tewanee Joseph, CEO for the Four Host First Nations Society.

"Inuit will be like Atanarjuat," said Mary Simon, president of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the national Inuit organization in Canada. "We'll be fast runners when the torch relay comes to the communities in our four Arctic regions."

The Olympic Flame, which will be lit in Greece, will begin its cross-Canada tour Oct. 30, 2009, in Victoria and pass through 1,000 communities.

It will then wind its way back to Vancouver on Feb. 12, 2010.

The route will take the flame to within a one-hour drive of 90 per cent of the Canadian population in a bid to drum up support for the event, the Vancouver Organizing Committee said.

The route includes trips by air and water, including a flight to Alert, Nunavut, that will bring the torch to the world's northernmost permanently inhabited community and within 900 kilometres of the North Pole.

Would-be torchbearers can apply online to the relay sponsors, RBC and Coca-Cola, to enter a lottery — 12,000 people in all will be selected.

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Premier Gordon Campbell, centre, federal Sports Minister Gary Lunn, left, and Vancouver Organizing Committee CEO John Furlong hold the torch used in the Calgary 1988 Winter Olympics in front of a map showing the 2010 Olympic Flame route.

News in brief

IMMIGRATION Canada will maintain its current policy of encouraging immigration to meet identified labour shortages in key areas, despite the worldwide financial crisis, Jason Kenney, the minister for immigration, said. Kenney, said consultations showed that immigrants with the right skills were still needed to ensure economic growth.

HONOUR Former prime minister Jean Chrétien and his wife, Aline, received a joint honorary doctorate in front of a hometown crowd yesterday at the Université du Québec a Trois-Rivières. The degree is in recognition of the couple's shared contribution to the economic, social and cultural development of Quebec's Mauricie region. **REUTERS**

Listeriosis fears have jail on alert

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada

OUTBREAK Hundreds of inmates at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre may have come in contact with listeriosis bacteria this month, although as of yesterday no inmates were believed to be affected.

20 Last summer, there were 20 deaths across the country linked to a listeriosis outbreak. Maple Leaf Foods has been linked to several of the deaths with the bacteria being traced back to a plant.

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services announced over the weekend that the city correctional facility is one of seven provincial jails that may have been exposed after the operator of a ministry-owned food-production facility found three samples of food that had tested positive for the bacteria.

Approximately 568 (515 male and 53 female) inmates — the majority of which are awaiting trial or sentencing — could potentially have been exposed the ministry said yesterday.

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Stoned Edmonton driver gets 4 years for fatal crash

SENTENCE A man found guilty of negligence in a car crash that killed two people when he was stoned behind the wheel is now serving a four-year sentence in prison, but he will be out in 37 months after the judge gave him credit for time served.

James McIlwrick was convicted on two counts of impaired driving causing death and two counts of impaired driving causing bodily harm in September.

The 36-year-old crashed into an SUV head-on during the morning commute on Nov. 25, 2003, after smoking marijuana before he ventured off to work.

Henry Yao, 40, and Tammy Engelking, 27, were killed, and two other passengers in the vehicle were seriously injured.

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22 - 2988 Glen Dr.
2 - 901 Lougheed Hwy.

New Westminster
Royal City Centre

Delta
Scottsdale Mall
7235 120th St.
1517 56th St.

Langley
Walnut Grove Town Centre
Willowbrook Shopping Centre
3 - 19638 Fraser Hwy.
103 - 19700 Langley Bypass
C104 - 20159 88th Ave.
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Maple Ridge
22661 Lougheed Hwy.

Mission
100 - 32670 Lougheed Hwy.
318 - 32555 London Ave.

North Vancouver
Capilano Mall
127 - 1199 Lynn Valley Rd.
1295 Marine Dr.
1748 Lonsdale Ave.
1392 Main St.

Port Moody
202 Newport Dr.

Pitt Meadows
735 - 19800 Lougheed Hwy.

Richmond
Aberdeen Centre
Admiralty Centre Mall
Ironwood Mall
Lansdowne Mall
Parker Place
Richmond Centre
115 - 12571 Bridgeport Rd.

Surrey
Central City Shopping Centre
Guildford Town Centre
201 - 13734 104th Ave.
135 - 12477 88th Ave.
2404 King George Hwy.
1675 128th St.
108 - 7380 King George Hwy.
403 - 15940 Fraser Hwy.
10310A 152nd St.

West Vancouver
Park Royal Shopping Centre
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White Rock
Semiahmoo Shopping Centre
10 - 3189 King George Hwy.

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Spall Plaza (Kelowna)
Cherry Lane Shopping Centre (Penticton)
Pine Centre (Prince George)
Piccadilly Mall (Salmon Arm)
Village Green Mall (Vernon)

Whistler
7009 Nesters Rd.

Squamish
38116 2nd Ave.

Mystery 'Buddha boy' in Nepal vanishes again
A teenage Nepali boy many believe is an incarnation of Lord Buddha went missing Friday after blessing thousands of supporters, police said on Saturday. This is the third time Ram Bahadur Bamjon, 17, has disappeared since his first appearance three years ago. **REUTERS**

World

Saudi prince seeks checkups

Crown Prince Sultan bin Abdul-Aziz, thought to be in his 80s, left Saudi Arabia for the United States yesterday for medical checkups, state media reported. Royal and diplomatic sources said he would be treated for cancer. He had an intestinal cyst removed in Saudi Arabia in 2005 and diplomats say he is in weaker health than his half-brother King Abdullah. **REUTERS**

Violence against Afghan children rising: UN

REPORT Violations of children's rights are increasing in Afghanistan with more attacks against schools, more children killed and more evidence of child sexual abuse, the United Nations said yesterday.

The report was conducted using data from agencies working across Afghanistan and anecdotal reports or allegations of violations against children.

The report, produced by UNICEF for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, said western military operations were killing more children, and pointed to an air strike in July in which 30 of the 47 civilians killed were children.

Another major concern for UNICEF is sexual abuse against children, particularly boys who are kept as sex slaves by wealthy and powerful men.

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APEC leaders promise swift economic action

The United States, China, Japan and 18 other economies in Asia and the Americas pledged quick and decisive action yesterday to prevent a severe global economic downturn.

With recession gripping parts of the world and financial markets in chaos, leaders at the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum in Peru said the slowdown is "one of the most serious economic challenges we have ever faced."

> **"We are convinced that we can overcome this crisis in a period of 18 months."**
> APEC leaders

They said free trade and higher government spending were key to resolving the crisis, and supported a big push to revive long-stalled global trade talks by seeking agreements on contentious farming and manufactured goods.

They also promised at the summit to work together to ease the turmoil, agreed not to adopt new trade barriers for a year and called for better regulation of the financial industry.

"We are convinced that we can overcome this crisis in a period of 18 months," the leaders said at the summit.

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Mexico **Blurring the boundaries of gender**

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Pedro Martinez, left, braids the hair of a friend dressed in the traditional costume of a Zapotec woman at the town of Juchitan in southern Mexico. Over the weekend the festival of the "muxes" was held for indigenous gays and transvestites in Juchitan, where they have found a haven of acceptance in Mexico's macho society.

News in brief

WASHINGTON President-elect Barack Obama will announce his top economic team today. Timothy Geithner, president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, will be made treasury secretary, and Lawrence Summers, a former treasury secretary, will be named director of the National Economic Council.

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Savvy holiday shopping tips

HineSight

Anne Hines

Thirty-one days until Christmas. Once again I find myself asking, "If the holidays are about home and family, why am I always alone in a mall?"

I could buy gifts online. But I always feel this should be dubbed, "Internet shopping. When you care enough to send the best. But not to actually go out and get it yourself."

To make your gift buying easier, here is The HineSight Guide to Savvy Seasonal Shopping.

1. Before scouring the stores for that one perfect unforgettable present, follow three steps. Pause. Think of all the unforgettable gifts you've given or received in previous years. If you can't remember more than two, just buy everyone socks.

2. Forget gift cards. My daughter, Jade, says, "Gift cards: They're like cash. Only worse." I still have cards from places like Heidi's House of Hostas and Sausage World. And convenience-wise, you may still have to go from store to store to get them. Even cash has to be procured and shoved in an envelope. If we really wanted convenience, there's an obvious solution. Direct deposit from your account to your loved ones'.

Make shopping an extreme sport. My brother, Bruce, believes there is no life event so onerous that it can't be turned into a competition.

3. Convert to Buddhism. Really. Right now. Buddhists are joyous, peaceful people, so you know they don't have to go into a single mall in December. Any religion that doesn't require gifts this time of year will do. Saying, "I'm sorry. I'm a disciple of the Goddess Habukku," should get you out of that Secret Santa draw no problem.

4. Make shopping an extreme sport. My brother, Bruce, believes there is no life event so onerous that it can't be turned into a competition. Bruce would start his Christmas shopping at 4 p.m. on Dec. 24. If the gift he gave you came in a Shoppers Drug Mart bag, you knew he didn't make it to your present before the mall closed at six.

5. Never give someone a poinsettia. Poinsettias should be genetically engineered to die on Dec. 31. They're the Survivor contestants of the plant world. I can starve them, ignore them, stick them in the basement and they still hang on for months, proclaiming, "Isn't this fun? I'm all about Christmas." By April, I'm tossing them into the compost bin and I feel like I've killed Santa Claus.

These few simple rules can make the holidays less daunting. And we need that.

Because it's only 395 days until next Christmas.

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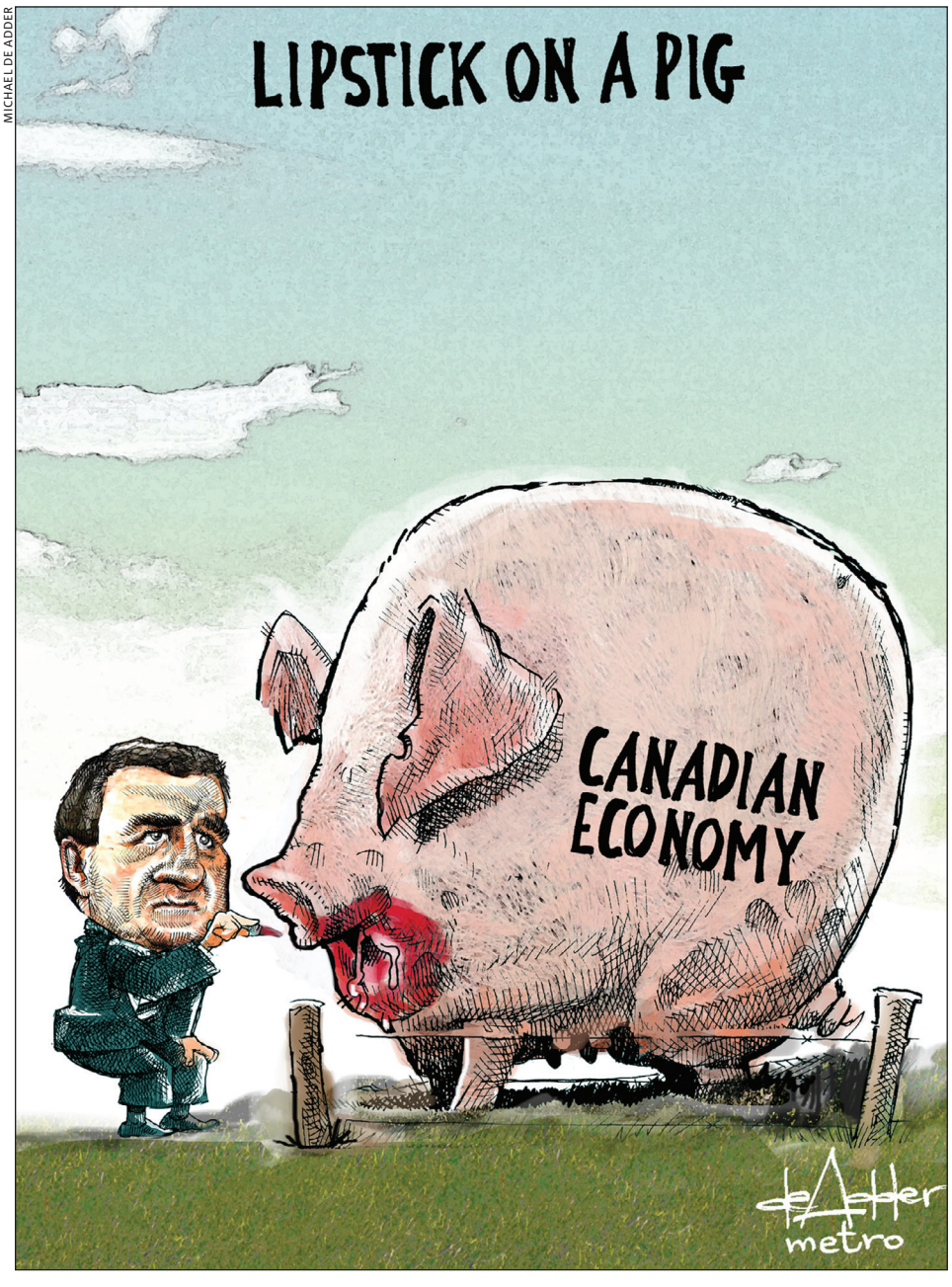

Views

Time to address public transit

InTransit

Derek Moscato

Gregor Robertson, the newly minted mayor of Vancouver, has a clear mandate from voters to solve the problem of rising homelessness, and to be a steward of the city's finances and reputation in the run-up to the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

But voters will expect follow-through from the organic juice entrepreneur and former MLA in another crucial area as well: Public transit.

During the thick of the mayoral race earlier this month, Robertson made public his support for the More Buses Now campaign, which called on the provincial government to add 500 more buses to Metro Vancouver.

Launched by the union representing local bus drivers, the lobbying effort didn't get the attention it deserved in the wake of the headline-generating Olympic Village loan story.

Even when the spotlight was turned on the issue of transit earlier, it was more about Robertson's unpaid SkyTrain fine than the more substantive story of a lack of transit capacity across the Lower Mainland.

But with buses packed like sardine cans during rush hour, and some riders being passed up or delayed on a regular basis, it's high time the focus returns to the local bus crunch.

There's not a more depressing scene than a mother with children or an elderly person being deserted in the rain by the bus service they need because of overcrowding. Almost as sad, and certainly more degrading, is the sight of an irate passenger delivering the middle-finger salute to an undeserving driver because the bus they're trying to get on is full.

What's especially pathetic about all of this is that metro Vancouver has a demand for public transit that other cities in North America would kill for.

But Transport 2000, the Ottawa-based transit advocacy group, points out that with gas prices falling, many bus riders now have the choice of sticking with transit or going back to their own vehicle.

Whether they junk their bus pass in favour of car keys depends on the quality of their transit experience — an experience that can range from ordinary to underwhelming to downright infuriating.

An exodus from transit is the last thing our city leaders should want.

So, the time for Robertson to address this public transit predicament — and demand action from TransLink and the provincial government — is now. Especially while he has momentum from his impressive election win, and the political capital that goes with it.

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General Motors returns jets after outcry
General Motors Corp. will return two of its leased corporate jets, and Ford could sell some of its jets, after their executives were blasted this week for flying on a private jet to Washington to ask the U.S. federal government for public funds. REUTERS

Business

Coffee-grower takeover?

Coffee-growing nations should buy Starbucks and create their own distribution chain amid the coffee chain's slowing sales and store closures, Colombia's coffee federation chief said yesterday. Gabriel Silva said Colombia will acquire four times the coffee stocks it did a year ago to build up inventory and shore up coffee prices. REUTERS

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Emergency measures forced in Middle East

ECONOMY Saudi Arabia slashed interest rates for an unprecedented third time since October and the United Arab Emirates intervened in a property merger yesterday in moves to contain the impact of the credit crunch.

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, reduced its key repurchase rate by 100 basis points to three per cent to keep credit markets moving and boost domestic liquidity.

The kingdom's central bank also lowered reserve requirements from 10 per cent to seven per cent, prompting one economist to say the two actions may mean the central bank has detected "serious slowdown signs, especially in the private sector."

The finance ministry also announced that two of the UAE's largest mortgage lenders, Amlak and Tamweel, already on track to merge, will be brought under a state-owned bank in the first sign of federal intervention in Dubai's real-estate sector. REUTERS

In brief

MEDIA Sony Corp.-owned Crackle.com is set to unveil a new slew of Internet comedy and talk shows in a move to bolster online entertainment.

OIL Canadian energy companies have yet to start shutting down oil production due to low prices, but at $50 US a barrel, the meltdown has started to fuel some nervousness at the prospect. REUTERS

British PM defends 20B-pound bailout

U.K. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown defended his plan to inject up to 20 billion pounds of borrowed money into the economy to stave off recession in the form of tax cuts and extra public spending, saying failure to act could cause permanent damage to the economy. REUTERS

Egypt **Polluted waters**

NASSER NURI/REUTERS

A fisherman wears a mask, which he says protects his face from water pollution, in Lake Manzala near Port Said, about 300 kilometres north of Cairo yesterday.

Free-trade agreement with Colombia signed

Canada and Colombia have signed a free-trade agreement, hoping to boost investment and trade flows at a time of global economic instability.

The pact, which has been criticized by union leaders in both countries, as well as opposition politicians and human-rights activists who say Colombia is not doing enough to stop attacks on activists, includes side agreements on labour and environmental rights.

The deal must be ratified by lawmakers in both countries. It was signed as leaders from the United States, China, Japan, Canada, Australia and other Pacific Rim economies gathered in Peru's capital, Lima, for a summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, or APEC, forum.

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Colombian President Alvaro Uribe said at a news conference the trade deal sent an anti-protectionism message at a time of economic turmoil when some countries have increased trade barriers.

Harper said a stalled Colombia-U.S. free-trade deal would also send a message of commitment to open markets if it could move forward.

Colombia and the United States signed a trade deal two years ago, but the U.S. Congress has not approved it.

Colombia is an aspiring member of APEC and Uribe was in Peru to speak with business leaders before the APEC summit, although he will not participate in the leaders' meeting. REUTERS

Deal details

- Tariffs on 98 per cent of current Canadian exports to Colombia would be eliminated either immediately or in the next 10 years.
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Going Green

Hybrids produce less CO2

Looking for a new car? A hybrid car produces two tonnes of CO2 over 20,000 kilometres driven; a gasoline sedan produces four tonnes of CO2; and an SUV produces six tonnes of CO2, according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green and Make a Difference by Tanya Ha.

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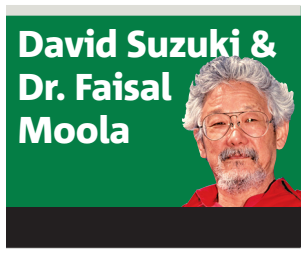
A behemoth that won't stop growing

The economy is a monster, threatening the very things that keep the planet habitable

ScienceMatters



Have you noticed that we describe the market and economy as if they were living entities? The market is showing signs of stress. The economy is healthy. The economy is on life support.

Sometimes, we act as if the economy is larger than life. In the past, people trembled in fear of dragons, demons, gods and monsters, sacrificing anything — virgins, money, newborn babies — to appease them. We know now that those fears were superstitious imaginings, but we have replaced them with a new behemoth: The economy.

Even stranger, economists believe this behemoth can grow forever. Indeed, the measure of how well a government or corporation is doing is its record of economic growth. But our home — the biosphere, or zone of air, water and land where all life exists — is finite and fixed. It can't grow. And nothing within such a world can grow indefinitely. In focusing on constant growth, we fail to ask the important questions. What is an economy for? Am I happier with all this stuff? How much is enough?

A timely new book by York University environmental economist Peter Victor, Managing Without Growth: Slower by Design, Not Disaster, addresses the absurdity of an economic system based on endless growth. Victor also shows that the concept of growth as an indispensable feature of economics is a recent phenomenon.

The economy is not a force of nature, some kind of immutable, infallible entity. We created it, and when cracks appear, it makes no sense to simply shovel on more money to keep it going. Because it's a human invention, an economy is something we should be able to fix — but if we can't, we should toss it out and replace it with something better.

This current economic crisis provides an opportunity to re-examine our priorities. For decades, scientists and environmentalists have been alarmed at global environmental degradation.

For the first time in four billion years of life on Earth, one species has become so powerful and plentiful that it is altering the physical, chemical and biological features of the planet on a geological scale. And so we have to ask, "What is the collective impact of everyone in the world?" We've never had to do that before, and it's difficult. Even when we do contemplate our global effects, we have no mechanism to respond as one species to the crises.

So all the things an intact ecosystem does to keep the planet vibrant and healthy for animals like us are simply ignored in our economy. No wonder futurist Hazel Henderson describes conventional economics as "a form of brain damage."

Nature's services keep the planet habitable for animals like us and must become an integral component of a new economic structure. We must get off this suicidal focus on endless, mindless growth.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at *www.davidsuzuki.org*.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

Become a green-savvy consumer

Cars, wine, weddings — these days, everything is going green. Grocery stores are no exception with nearly every product boasting a green claim.

Though the increase in environmentally friendly products makes it easier for Canadians to make smart choices, it also makes it difficult for consumers to determine which products are truly eco-friendly.

To find products that are safe for your family and the environment, look for these features on the label:

Biodegradable

Biodegradable materials quickly and safely decompose into products that won't harm the soil, helping to minimize the impact on the environment. When shopping for products such as soap, shampoo and household cleaners, look for bottles made from biodegradable plastic. Green Works, a new line of natural household cleaners from Clorox, is 99 per cent natural and is made with biodegradable cleaning agents. More information on Green Works is available online at *www.greenworkscleaners.com*.

Sustainable

Reduce your carbon footprint by purchasing products made with sustainable ingredients. Sustainable products are made from renewable resources that grow back quickly and can be cultivated with minimal harm to the environment. These products are created using little energy and can often be recycled after use.

Recycled Material

Do your part to help the environment by recycling products made from glass, plastic and aluminum. At the grocery store, choose products packaged in recycled material. Products with a post-consumer content of 30 per cent recycled material or higher are ideal.

NEWS CANADA

Report to help lawmakers ahead of UN climate summit

MEETING The United Nations published a report late last week to help lawmakers meeting at an upcoming UN climate summit to move closer to sealing a new agreement to confront potentially devastating global warming.

The next round of talks are scheduled to be held in Poznan, Poland from Dec. 1 to 12.

In the UN report, the European Union and other nations proposed limiting global average temperature increases to 2 C through measures such as emissions trading and technology transfer.

UN scientists have warned global warming caused by high atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide (CO2) will lead to rising seas, big storms, mass heat waves and droughts.

The current climate pact, the Kyoto Protocol, expires in 2012.

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San Francisco aims to be electric-car capital

San Francisco Bay area cities have promised to be the electric-car capital of the United States, announcing a plan to work with Better Place to put battery-powered autos on the road in 2012.

The San Francisco Bay Area has the reputation as one of the most liberal and environmentally active parts of the U.S., and as the economic downturn sweeps through the tech sector it is looking to clean technology for a new source of jobs.

"I'm a guy driving a hybrid, and I don't feel particularly good about it," San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom told a news conference, adding that all-electric cars would be a "game-changer" for cutting carbon emissions, which cause global warming.

Nissan Motor Co. Ltd and Renault have signed on with other Better Place projects. Better Place is developing networks in Denmark, Israel, and Australia.

Better Place chief executive Shai Agassi said in an interview that the network to support the cars with charging stations would cost about $1 billion US, with a quarter of that needed for a test phase in 2010-11.

"We've got a year-and-a-half to bring the capital in," he said, acknowledging the tough economic environment but insisting the network would be a good investment.

He told reporters that he hoped the U.S. "Big Three" automakers, GM, Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler, would join the plan.

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Incentives

- Mayors of San Francisco, Silicon Valley capital San Jose, Oakland and other cities in the region said they would offer incentives and standardize infrastructure with Better Place, a startup that aims to offer electric cars as a service, like a cellphone, at prices similar or below standard cars.

Temperature control
Set your refrigerator temperature at 2 to 5.5 C (38 to 42 F); your freezer should be set between -15 C and -17.5 C (0 and 5 F). Make sure the door seals tightly. You can check this by making sure a $5 bill closed between the door gaskets is difficult to pull out. If it slides easily, replace the gaskets. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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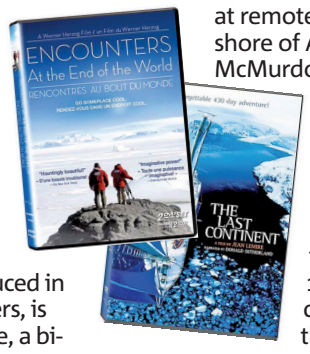
New DVDs explore Antarctica

The Antarctic has long captivated humankind. The ancient Greeks speculated on its existence; the great explorers came tantalizingly close to landing on its shores; and hunters and merchants later exploited its riches. Now, two new films look at Antarctica through 21st-century eyes, placing the world's last untrammelled continent in the context of environmental concerns and the harsh personal challenges of life in what has long been called "the Unknown Southern Land." The first, Jean Lemire's feature-length documentary, The Last Continent, records the impact of global warming on the unspoiled Antarctic. But the film, produced in collaboration with several Canadian partners, is much more than a research mission. Lemire, a biologist who became an award-winning documentary filmmaker, assembled a team of 12 scientists, film crew and support staff who were willing to undertake a 430-day expedition to the Antarctic on his sailing ship, Sedna IV. It was an adventure that would test the team's personal limits and self-perceptions as much as it would provide data about the world's most delicate habitat. "There were, for everyone on board, two journeys," Lemire says. "The first, to the planet's final frontier, and a second, inner journey to the final frontier of the self ... in complete isolation, with no possibility of rescue, no way to go home, running away is not an option. The hard look you take at yourself, while confined in your solitude, becomes utterly inescapable."



Similar themes infuse Werner Herzog's documentary, Encounters At The End Of The World, produced in association with Discovery Films and Discovery Channel. Encounters chronicles the harsh but rewarding experiences of scientists, researchers and support workers who spend the austral summer from October to February at remote McMurdo Station on the shore of Antarctica's vast Ross Sea. McMurdo is a remote society where human nature blends and sometimes clashes with the natural world. Herzog, who has produced, written and directed more than 40 films since the early 1960s, also found his perceptions altered. Even though he was realistic enough not to expect "pristine landscapes and men living in blissful harmony with fluffy penguins," he was still shocked to discover the physical reality of McMurdo Station — industrial ugliness interspersed with noisy construction sites.

For both filmmakers, though, it is the willingness of people to take chances and make sacrifices to live on the edge of the world that shines as much as the Antarctic summer sun. As Herzog says, Antarctica "is filled with professional dreamers and wonderful stories."

CHARLES DAVIES

Encounters At The End Of The World writer/director/narrator Werner Herzog, left, and the film's director of photography, Peter Zeitlinger.

Columbus wins MLS Cup
Guillermo Barros Schelotto led Columbus to victory in the MLS Cup yesterday, capping his MVP season with three assists in the Crew's 3-1 victory over the New York Red Bulls. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

O'Neal's knee a cause for concern

Jermaine O'Neal left the Raptors' 118-103 loss to the Celtics yesterday. The centre had started despite having strained his surgically repaired left knee against New Jersey on Friday. Against the Nets, O'Neal hurt his knee when he was pulled down in the fourth quarter by Sean Williams. There was no structural damage, but O'Neal did not practise Saturday. "It just didn't have any stability, it was becoming a little too painful," said O'Neal yesterday. "The big picture for us is in the long term and we've got two days before the next game." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Extent of Luongo injury to be known today

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Vancouver returns home to face the defending Stanley Cup champs for the second time this month at GM Place. The boys from the Motor City roll into the Garage having won five straight.

CAPTAIN CRUNCHED:
Roberto Luongo suffered a groin injury on Saturday and will not play tonight. The Canucks will elaborate on the severity of the injury later today. Curtis Sanford gets the start in Luongo's absence, while Corey Schneider has been summoned from the AHL.

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You've been there before, surely. You wanted a job or a position badly — desperately — but you were not-so-nicely snubbed. And so, you dearly wanted to make the folks who rejected you regret their decision.

Well, Chris Jones was able to turn such a desire into reality in a tangible way last night. A defensive coach with Montreal the past seven years, Jones was unceremoniously discarded by the Alouettes before this season after he had applied to the club for the then-vacant position of head coach. Last night, Jones got sweet revenge — in the form of a Grey Cup championship. Jones is the defensive co-ordinator of the Calgary Stampeders, and it was primarily his unit that was responsible for a 22-14 triumph over those Alouettes in the 96th edition of the CFL's showcase event. The game wasn't especially entertaining — unless you're turned on by field goals and a dearth of touchdowns — but the Stamps could care less. For them, this fifth championship in their history was bone-chilling.

Calgary quarterback Henry Burris passed for 328 yards and rushed for 79 and was chosen the game's MVP. Calgary kicker Sandro DeAngelis was the game's top Canadian after connecting on five of five field-goal attempts, including a 50-yarder late in the game to cement the victory. But it was the Calgary defence that particularly prevailed last night.

Using a brilliant game plan that stymied Montreal quarterback Anthony Calvillo, the CFL's premier player this season, the Stamps knocked down a staggering four passes, intercepted two and limited the Als to only one touchdown — and a measly single point in the second half.

"Chris Jones and his staff did an excellent job teaching a lot of young players to play defence," Calgary's rookie head coach, John Hufnagel, told TSN after the game. "They grew and matured as the season progressed." Calvillo, who has only one Grey Cup ring despite six appearances in the final in a nine-year span, clearly was flustered by Jones' strategy. "We made big second-half adjustments," Stamps defensive lineman Mike Labinjo told TSN. "And we rattled Calvillo." The Stamps trailed 13-10 at halftime, but Labinjo insisted they weren't bothered by the partisanship at Montreal's Olympic Stadium, which was occupied by 66,308 spectators — the second-largest crowd in Cup history.

REUTERS/TODD KOROL

Henry Burris celebrates with a cigar and champagne after capturing his first Grey Cup last night.

Silver, bronze for Canadian Speedskating duo
Christine Nesbitt and Kristina Groves won a silver and bronze respectively in the women's World Cup circuit 1,500-metre yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Luongo's injury could put Schneider on display

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If Roberto Luongo's MRI deems it necessary for the Canucks' top 'tender to miss a significant amount of time, Alain Vigneault will have an interesting dilemma on his hands with regards to his goaltending.

Curtis Sanford has played very well in back-to-back wins and should get the call in the immediate future, but Corey Schneider provides Vigneault with an intriguing option. Schneider has been outstanding in the AHL this season, compiling a league-best 1.37 goals-against-average in winning 10 of his 11 games. His upside is greater than Sanford's, but he is lacking in the experience department.

Here's the other thing to consider. Schneider is expected to be an excellent NHL goaltender in the next few years and represents the Canucks' future puck-stopper, should Luongo ever decide to ply his trade elsewhere.

If Luongo signs an extension with the Canucks next year, Schneider becomes a highly coveted asset that should net a significant return in a trade.

Luongo

Showcasing his skills at the NHL level makes him even more attractive to bidding general managers.

Though Vigneault is simply concerned with winning games today, the organization must be cognizant of all potential scenarios.

Sanford holds the trump card, however — if he continues to shut the door on the opposition, the decision is simple.

• Hats off to the Calgary Stampeders, but a disturbing trend is developing in the Grey Cup. For the third consecutive year, the winning team has only scored one offensive touchdown en route to hoisting the Cup.

Not that any of those fortunate enough to win a championship care, but for the viewing public, it makes for poor theatre as far as Canadian football goes.

It's hard to say whether it's the result of offences getting too conservative when in scoring position, or better, more aggressive defences. But let's hope there are more majors in store when the Grey Cup is played in Calgary next year.

They say defence wins championships, but I'm not so sure it wins ratings.

Want to weigh in? Send me an email at *scott.rintoul@team1040.ca*.

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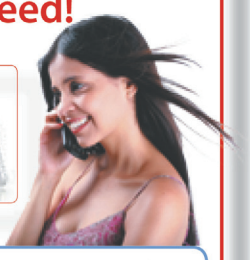

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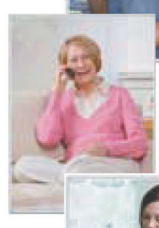

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Tree rings make great storytellers

OddJobs

Diane Peters

As a dendrochronologist, Colin Laroque knows that in the Maritimes, most of the old-growth forests have been clear-cut, and finding a tree more than 200 years old is a huge find.

On a recent workday, Colin Laroque went down to the old mines near the Joggins Fossil Cliffs on the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia to check out some pieces of wood with a historian visiting from England.

He took some dowelling-shaped samples of the wood, using a hand auger, put them under a microscope and counted the rings down to a thousandth of a millimetre.

"Trees have many ways of telling us about the past," he says. As a dendrochronologist — a job title that simply breaks down to the words "tree" and "time" — Laroque, 43, knows how to tap into this information.

He'll take the pattern of those tree rings and compare it to other samples he and his students at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, have taken in the area. When he synchs up the patterns, he'll know the year the tree was cut down to make the wood for the mine or dock. And that in turn will tell him whether it was made by the Acadians before 1739, or the British who came later and took over the mines.

Such detective work is common for Laroque, who is an associate professor and director of the Mount Allison Dendrochronology Laboratory. He and his team of undergraduate and graduate students also help people date the wood in their homes to see if it was built by the Acadians — making it a lot more valuable.

Dendrochronologists do research, too — some of it very creative. One of Laroque's students is analyzing the heavy metals that have gotten into trees from the Sydney Tar Ponds over the years, while another is calculating how global warming will affect trees in the future.

Laroque grew up north of Saskatoon; a kid who loved the outdoors. He was studying physical geography at the University of Saskatchewan when a professor took him and a class out to look at a glacier.

Laroque was not only fascinated by how important water was to his prairie homeland, but by the fact that the trees were the best way to track how the glacier had changed over the years.

He moved to Vancouver Island to do his master's and PhD at the University of Victoria, studying geography and dendrochronology, and then ended up at Mount Allison.

There are only about 20 dendrochronologists in Canada, and most of them work in the old virgin forests of British Columbia or Ontario, where there are trees as old as 900 years.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Dendrochronologist
Salary: $45,000 to $100,000
Education/training: Graduate degree in geography under a dendrochronologist
Best Part of the Job: "I enjoy being outside. I'm out hunting down trees and camping and I get to see a lot of the country."
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Entertainment

Kid's cameo

Guy Ritchie is giving his son with pop star Madonna a head start in showbiz. Eight-year-old Rocco has a cameo in Richie's next movie, Sherlock Holmes. IMDB.COM

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Brown top artist at AMAs

Pink, Kanye West bring riveting performances, Alicia Keys takes home two prizes

R&B singer Chris Brown swept the American Music Awards last night, winning three prizes including artist of the year.

He overshadowed Alicia Keys, who led the field with five nominations, and ended up with a pair of statuettes. She was considered the favourite for artist of the year, the ceremony's final award.

Brown was clearly shocked when his name was announced. He said he would have given the award to British rock band Coldplay, which was nominated for four awards, but went home empty-handed.

The 19-year-old star was also named favourite male artist in both the soul/R&B and pop/rock categories. His girlfriend, Rihanna, won those categories for the women.

Keys' awards were for her chart-topping disc, As I Am, which was named favourite album in the soul/R&B and pop/rock categories.

Other multiple winners included outspoken rapper Kanye West, who has never been afraid to express his dismay when he is overlooked at awards shows. He won the first two American Music Awards of his career, but said he would give one of them away to fellow nominee, Lil' Wayne.

"If it was last year, this would have been my award," West said of the favourite male rap /hip-hop category. "This year, it's Wayne's award.

"We'll see what happens next year."

Earlier, he won for the statuette for favourite rap/hip-hop album with Graduation. West challenged musicians of all genres to push each other, and to reclaim the spirit of artists like the Beatles, Jimi Hendrix and Led Zeppelin. In his case, he declared, "I wanna be Elvis!"

But host Jimmy Kimmel retorted a little later, "Elvis died on the toilet with half a jelly donut in his mouth, so you might want to rethink that one."

For the second year, winners were determined by online voting. They used to be decided by a poll of 20,000 music buyers, but producers decided to make the event more inclusive in the wake of slumping ratings. The move seemed to work, with last year's show attracting 11.8 million viewers, up from 10.9 million the year before.

The event spanned generations, from Disney starlet Miley Cyrus, who turned 16 on Sunday, to former Eurythmics singer Annie Lennox. The Scottish rocker received a lifetime achievement award and said, "I never thought that I would live to see the day that I would be 53 years old standing on the stage."

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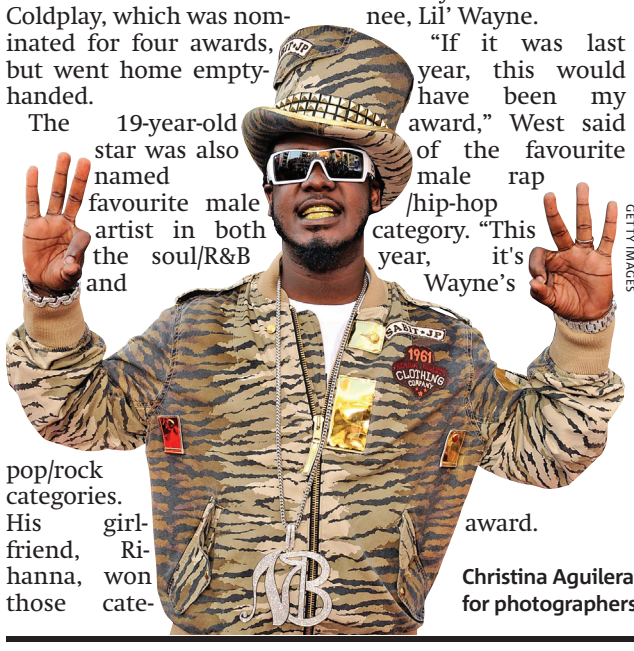

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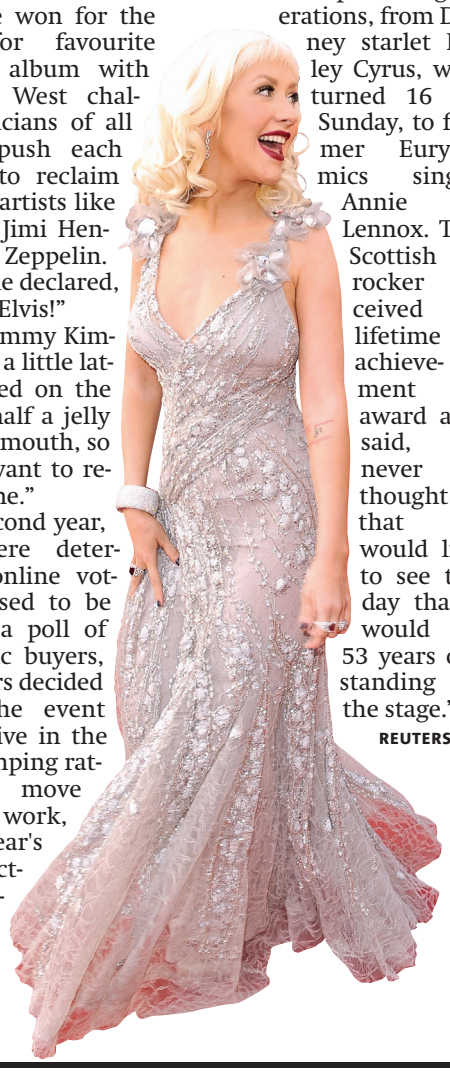

Christina Aguilera and T-Pain pose for photographers.

And the winners are. . .

- Alicia Keys won favourite pop/rock album for As I Am.
- Favourite male rap/hip-hop artist went to Kanye West.
- Chris Brown won artist of the year, favourite male artist in pop rock, and favourite male artistfor soul/R&B.
- Brad Paisley won for favourite country artist.
- Taylor Swift won for favourite female country artist.
- Favourite band, duo or group was Daughtry.
- Favourite hip-hop band, duo or group was Three 6 Mafia.
- Linkin Park was named favourite alternative rock artist.
- Favourite soundtrack was Alvin and the Chipmunks.
- Favourite Latin artist was Enrique Iglesias.
- Annie Lennox took home the Award of Merit.
- Favourite contemporary inspirational artist was Third Day.
- Breakthrough artist was the Jonas Brothers.
- Favourite adult contemporary artist was Jordin Sparks.
- Female artist in the soul/R&B category was Rihanna.
- Rascal Flatts were named the favourite band, duo or group in the country category.
- Carrie Underwood's Carnival Ride took home favourite album in country music.
- Kanye West's Graduation was named the favourite rap/hip-hop album.

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Left: The Pussycat dolls say hello to fans on the red carpet. Below: Singer Rihanna accepts the top soul/R&B female artist award during the American Music Awards last night.

Both Brigitte Nielsen, right, and Phoebe Price, above, arrived in attire that looked to be more tablecloth than designer dress.

Above: Former American Idol losers-turned-successes Chris Daughtry, left, and Jordin Sparks, right, caught up before the awards kicked off.
Right: R&B singers Ne-yo and Leona Lewis pose on the red carpet.

Bourne again
Movie-studio bosses have signed a deal to revive Matt Damon's character in The Bourne Identity series. IMDB.COM

The land Down Under

Interest in Australia sure to swell again with new film

JIM REYNO
Metro Canada

It's a great line, maybe even a classic.

Actor Paul Hogan, starring as the title character in Crocodile Dundee, is confronted by a mugger. Dundee's companion tells him to hand over his wallet — the kid's got a knife.

"That's not a knife," Dundee chuckles, and pulls out a bigger Bowie knife. "That's a knife."

The mugger flees and the world laughed along, loving Hogan as the Australian crocodile hunter out of his element in New York City. The year was 1986, and Crocodile Dundee was a critical and box-office smash, bringing Australia right along with it. The Outback was in, with a flurry of G'days, a few Fosters — and keep that dingo away from the baby.

With the release of director Baz Luhrmann's much-anticipated film Australia, interest in the country is sure to swell again.

Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman star in Australia.

But there's already an Aussie presence active in our culture. Luhrmann has made his mark with the films Moulin Rouge, Romeo + Juliet and Strictly Ballroom. His male lead on Australia is a fellow countryman Hugh Jackman, recently named People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive.

Jackman isn't the only popular leading man to come from the land Down Under. Russell Crowe, who was born in New Zealand and moved to Australia as a child, won a best-actor Oscar for his performance in 2000's Gladiator.

Mel Gibson and Geoffrey Rush are other Australian Oscar winners. And there's Oscar buzz around another Aussie this year — Heath Ledger, who died in January, for his portrayal of the Joker in The Dark Knight.

Australian women are also so prevalent on the big screen: Cate Blanchett and Naomi Watts are two of the best known; Winnipeg-born Anna Paquin grew up in New Zealand.

The female lead in Luhrmann's new film is U.S.-born, but Australia-raised Nicole Kidman, who has had an impressive career, including an Oscar win for her performance in The Hours in 2003.

Plus, she makes up one half of what is probably the best-known Australian celebrity couple. Like Crowe, country rocker Keith Urban is a transplanted New Zealander. The two-time Grammy winner married Kidman in June 2006.

Kylie Minogue is another Grammy-garnering Aussie. She won for best dance recording in 2004.

Urban-Kidman may be Australia's most famous male-female couple, but there's no doubt about the top sibling couple. Guitarists Malcolm and Angus Young are the hard rock foundation of AC/DC. The legendary band's most recent CD, Black Ice, debuted at No. 1 in 29 countries.

Box office

Ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

1. **Twilight:** $70.6 million US
2. **Quantum of Solace:** $27.4 million
3. **Bolt:** $27 million
4. **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa:** $16 million
5. **Role Models :** $7.2 million
6. **Changeling:** $2.6 million
7. **High School Musical 3: Senior Year:** $2 million
8. **Zack and Miri Make a Porno:** $1.7 million
8. **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas:** $1.7 million
10. **The Secret Life of Bees:** $1.3 million

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Kiss questions rock-hall snub

MUSIC They've sold millions of records, and influenced generations of fans and musicians. So why isn't Kiss in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?

That's what Gene Simmons would like to know.

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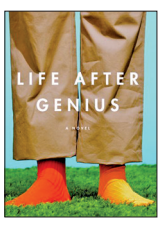
Finding new Life After Genius



Life After **Genius**

Author: M. Ann Jacoby
Publisher: Grand Central Publishing
Price: $27.99 (Hardcover)

Up there with Magnolia quiz kid Donnie Smith and Into The Wild's Chris (Alexander Supertramp) McCandless, you'll find Thomas Mead Fegley. In Life After Genius, he's the latest intellect-gone-awry whose youthful academic feats take an unpredictable turn when he's just 18. Already on the cusp of graduating university and proving a more than century-old hypothesis, Fegley suddenly leaves school to return to his Illinois home. His decision to sell furniture and work as an embalmer confuses his parents, past acquaintances and everyone who knows the once-upon-a-time prodigy. But by escaping what he's always known, Fegley begins to learn who he really is.

Signed, **Mata Hari**

Author: Yannick Murphy
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Who is the real Margaretha Zelle? Is she the disparaged wife of a broken marriage? World-traveling independent woman? Temple dancer Mata Hari? Or is the seeming jill-of-all-trades, as her imprisonment would suggest, a World War I spy for Germany? That's what the authorities that put her in a Paris jail believe. And it's her job to convince them otherwise, or face a gruesome demise. Yannick Murphy assembles an often erotic, rarely dull account of a woman begging for her life by authenticating her own past through narrative reflection.

BookPicks

Chaplin: A Life

Author: Stephen Weissman
Publisher: Arcade Publishing
Price: $30.99 (Hardcover)

You already know Charlie Chaplin the mime, the clown and the tramp. But for the English comedian who would pave the way for modern comics, life wasn't always a laughing matter. In Chaplin: A Life, author Stephen Weissman traces the history of the famously mustached man, including his broken childhood when his parents' destitution forced him to take up residence at an orphanage. Weissman diverts from Chaplin the ham, delving into the early star's political persuasions and racy sexual past. Equipped with Chaplin quotes and photographs, Chaplin: A Life removes the cane and derby hat to deliver the facts behind the funny.

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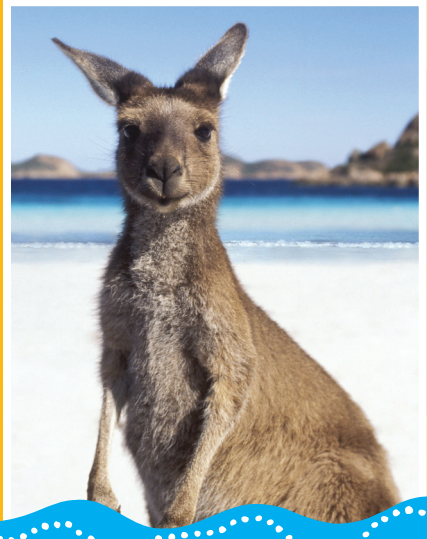

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SAG aims for strike-authorization vote

Internet issues are major sticking points

The main union representing U.S. film and television actors has said it will seek a strike authorization vote by members after federal mediation failed to break a logjam in labour talks with major Hollywood studios.

The Screen Actors Guild, which represents 120,000 performers across the United States, said in a statement issued on the weekend that no timeline had been set for a vote, which would give SAG leaders the go-ahead to call for a work stoppage and provide leverage in negotiations.

"Management continues to insist on terms we cannot responsibly accept on behalf of our members," SAG said in its statement.

"We will now launch a full-scale education campaign in support of a strike authorization referendum."

Two major sticking points centre on exactly which Internet film and TV projects would be covered by SAG contracts and how much actors should be paid for content delivered over the web.

The Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represents the major studios, responded with a terse statement noting it reached labour agreements this year on similar issues with guilds for directors, writers and a separate performers' union.

"SAG is bizarrely asking its members to bail out the failed negotiating strategy with a strike vote — at a time of historic economic crisis," the AMPTP statement said.

Doug Allen, SAG's national executive director and chief negotiator, characterized the AMPTP as being "stubborn." "Members need to send a powerful message to management that they are frustrated management isn't listening to them,' he said.

As for seeking a strike authorization in the current economic slump, Allen said it was exactly the right time to bargain hard for middle-income actors, most of whom do not earn lavish movie-star salaries.

Strike authorization would require 75 per cent approval of members who cast a vote.

Industry watchers think that may be tough to achieve in light of the economic slump and fatigue from a tumultuous 14-week work stoppage by the Writers Guild of America in late 2007 and 2008.

Talks between SAG and the AMPTP started earlier this year but the studios cut off negotiations June 30 after giving SAG a "final" offer only hours before the old labour deal expired.

Actors have since worked without a new contract.

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Cancelled?
ABC has opted not to order additional episodes of Pushing Daisies, Eli Stone and Dirty Sexy Money for this season. The network isn't commenting, but multiple sources confirm that all three shows have effectively been cancelled. **EW.COM**

Even television feels the financial chill

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NO ONE LOVES YOU WHEN YOU'RE DOWN AND OUT: For as long as I've been writing this column, CTV's upfront presentation has been the big event of the local TV calendar, an expensive, high-profile media event where the network takes over a marquee Toronto venue (the Royal Alexandra Theatre, the Sony and Four Seasons performing arts centres) to bang the drum for their newly-acquired roster of shows and the continuing success of old ones.

Under CTV boss Ivan Fecan, the network's business strategy has been easy to summarize: Invest in local product prudently with halfhearted hopes that you'll get a homegrown hit, while throwing lots of money at U.S. producers to get simulcast rights for the primetime hours. It worked well enough for main competitor Global to be obligated to do much the same thing, but like everything else that's going on in this chilly, anxious fall-into-winter season of change (with our without a capital-C) it's looking like an artifact from another time.

A front page article in the National Post's financial section this past weekend eulogized the Fecan era while the man still occupies his office, after the network's parent company, CTVglobemedia, announced a major round of cutbacks to staff and budgets last week. Fecan's "spend money to make money" philosophy "is now facing grave uncertainty," according to the Post, and Fecan delivered an address to employees nationwide on Wednesday "warning of impending layoffs and a freeze on travel and entertainment spending at CTV Inc., the country's largest private broadcaster."

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Precise details of what's going on at CTV or its parent company aren't easy to divine, thanks to its status as a private company with a small number of large shareholders that doesn't have to publish financial information. So we'll watch to see how precisely it intends to weather the current economic downturn across a variety of media, but the fate of CTV will be watched closest of all. What went wrong is easy to figure out when you read news like ABC's cancellation of three of its primetime shows, all of them once part of CTV's buying sprees down south.

The Canadian network's website no longer puts Pushing Daisies, Eli Stone or Dirty Sexy Money front and centre — they aren't even on the list of shows linked off CTV's website front page — but they were all trophies brought home by Fecan and Susanne Boyd, his head of creative content.

In this light, CTV has never been the author of its own success, and probably doesn't have the thick cushion of money ABC can expect from Disney, its corporate parent, though it's unlikely that neither of them will escape the humbling fate due to media companies, now being accelerated by poor shows and a poorer economy.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

In brief

MUSIC Guns N' Roses fans in China will have to go underground to get their hands on a copy of the band's first album in 17 years, Chinese Democracy. **REUTERS**

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	602	568	19	W	Will & Grace	Friends (CC)	How Clean	House	Love It or List It (N)		Confidential	Kim	House
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	500	500	33	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
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	555	545	50	TEL	George	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		Wayside	Johnny Test	Futurama	American Dad	Chicken	Life's a Zoo
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	570	580	24	MM	MuchNews	NewMusic	MuchVibe (CC)		You Can Dance		Dance	TBA	MuchVibe
	600	564	29	H&G	Income Prop.	House	Holmes on Homes (CC)		Property	Marriage	Income Prop.	My First Place	Home to Stay
	615	520	31	A&E	The First 48 (CC)		The First 48 (CC)		Intervention "Ashley" (CC)		Intervention "Ed and Bettina"		The First 48
	628	584	32	SPKE	Star Wars: Episode II		CSI: NY "American Dreamers"		CSI: NY "Grand Master"		Star Trek: Voyager (CC)		Deep Space 9
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	522	506	44	HIS	NCIS "Pop Life" (CC)		Battle 360 (CC)		Underworld Histories (CC)		NCIS "Pop Life" (CC)		Crime Stories
	627	528	45	SPC	Eureka "I Do Over" (CC)		Stargate SG-1 (CC)		Lost "Two for the Road"		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		Star Trek
	294	650	47	TBS	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Seinfeld	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Cool Runnings ★★★ (1993) Leon, Doug E. Doug. (CC)			
	619	525	48	TROP	TV Made	Very Bad Men (CC)		What	Make	TV Made	Planet Soap	Reality	Final 24 (CC)
	603	561	52	FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Challenge "Cereal Skylines"		Good Eats	Ace of Cakes	Nightmares
	626	547	57	COM	Air Farce	Just for Laughs (CC)		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Jeff Dunham: Arguing		Daily Show
	320	621	60	CEN	Stargate Atlantis (N) (CC)		Californication	Making Bobby	Brotherhood (N) (CC)		Superbad ★★★ (2007) Jonah Hill. (CC)		
	581	566	101	MTV	The Hills (N)	After Show	MTV Live	MTV News	Exiled (CC)	The Hills	The Hills	After Show	MTV Live
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critics' corner

Heroes
After reuniting Sylar and Elle (Zachary Quinto, Kristen Bell), Arthur (Robert Forster) orders them to find Claire (Hayden Panettiere) and bring her to him. Matt, Hiro and Ando (Greg Grunberg, Masi Oka, James Kyson Lee) then team up and follow Daphne (Brea Grant) to her hometown of Athens, Ga., to discover what she's been hiding. Meanwhile, Nathan and Peter (Adrian Pasdar, Milo Ventimiglia) head to Haiti. 6 PM on STR, 9 PM on NBC GTV

The Rape of Europa
It's the ultimate "lost and found" story — actually a whole lot of them. This new documentary chronicles the efforts of scholars, governments and others to locate the millions of pieces of art stolen by the Nazis. Many are still missing, but the film focuses on the happy endings and the fascinating stories leading up to them, including the saga of Gustav Klimt's valuable "Gold Portrait," returned to its owner's niece in 2006. 6 and 9 PM on PBS

Kurkova deemed sexiest
Karolina Kurkova has been deemed World's Sexiest Woman. E! Entertainment Television bestowed the honour on the model. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Barker files lawsuit

LEGAL Travis Barker has filed a lawsuit blaming the pilots and defective equipment for a plane crash that severely injured the rocker and DJ AM while killing four other people, People.com reports.

The L.A. Superior Court lawsuit, also filed Friday by the mother of Barker's bodyguard, Charles (Che) Still, who died in the crash, alleges the pilots "negligently decided to abort" the takeoff when the Learjet's tires failed in September at an airport in Columbia, S.C.

"The pilots were either poorly trained and/or failed to follow their training," the suit says. "The pilots' decision was a breach of their duty owed to the passengers onboard and was a substantial factor in causing the crash and resultant injuries and deaths."

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Reese not ready for another marriage

RELATIONSHIPS Reese Witherspoon thinks it is too soon to think about marrying boyfriend Jake Gyllenhaal, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 32-year-old actress, who has two children with ex-husband Ryan Phillippe, admits divorce has changed her opinions about the institution of marriage.

"Family is all we have in life, but I don't know how I feel about marriage," she said. "Obviously, I'm not far enough out of being married to think about doing it again. You sort of reconstitute your family. You find a family with people who come into your life for a reason."

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Maguire's wife is pregnant

FAMILY Another gem is on the way for Tobey Maguire and his wife, Jennifer Meyer, People.com reports.

The couple — already parents to Ruby, 2 — are expecting a second child in the spring, the actor's rep Kelly Bush confirms to People.

"I love being a dad!" the three-time Spider-Man star, 33, told People when Ruby was just six months old. He and Meyer, 31, met in 2003 and married in September 2007.

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Jessica loves new aunt role

FAMILY Jessica Simpson is ecstatic about her latest role — aunt to newborn Bronx Mowgli Wentz, People.com reports.

"I'm over the moon with joy," the singer said Friday.

Singer Ashlee Simpson Wentz and her husband Pete Wentz welcomed Bronx on Thursday night in Los Angeles.

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Sweetin files for separation

SPLIT Former Full House star and new mom Jodie Sweetin is splitting with her husband, People.com reports. Sweetin, 26, filed papers Wednesday in Orange County, Calif., for legal separation from Cody Herpin, 31, who helped turn around her life after years of methamphetamine addiction.

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Penn helps ex Madonna

RELATIONSHIPS Madonna is doing her best to get through her split from husband Guy Ritchie, with a little help from ex-husband Sean Penn, People.com reports a source close to the singer as saying.

"It's a sad situation, but she's not heartbroken," says the source, who saw the 50-year-old icon hours before a London court granted the couple a preliminary "quickie divorce" on Friday. "She's handling it well."

Madonna is focusing on her work and her children to keep her mind off the end of her nearly eight-year marriage to Ritchie, says the source. "She's got a very busy life."

Also helping her through the tough time is her ex-husband. The singer and Penn were spotted having drinks at the Greenwich Hotel in Manhattan on Wednesday night.

"They have a nice rapport," says the source. "There's nothing romantic there. They're just good friends."

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Williams asks to grieve in peace

PEOPLE Actress Michelle Williams has slammed the paparazzi for refusing to let her grieve in peace following the death of her ex-boyfriend Heath Ledger in January, imdb.com reports.

In her first indepth interview since the tragedy, the actress tells the upcoming issue of Newsweek magazine she'll never forgive the disrespectful snappers who have made her life a misery in the past year — and she won't forget them.

Williams tells the publication she was particularly disturbed with the efforts some photographers went to just to get a photo of her young daughter Matilda.

"It burns a fire inside of me, the s— that I've seen people do to get at me or my daughter," she says. "I won't forget it, and I won't support it. I don't want my daughter growing up feeling spied on or threatened."

And it was one encounter with an overzealous female paparazzo, which tipped Williams over the edge.

"I said, 'You're better than this. Look at you! You're young, you're able-bodied, you have a brightness in your eyes. You're above this.' But you know what? She didn't go away," Williams adds.

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Beyonce/Jay-Z high earners

PEOPLE Beyonce Knowles and Jay-Z have been named Hollywood's highest-earning couple, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The married pair topped the list compiled by Forbes magazine after collectively making $162 million US between June 1, 2007 and June 1, 2008.

Hip-hop star Jay-Z pocketed $82 million from a 10-year deal with Live Nation, while Beyonce raked in $80 million from film, fashion and publishing deals.

Actors Will Smith and Jada Pinkett-Smith finished second place in the list, with earnings of $85 million.

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Ivanka signs on for book deal

CAREER Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump is on the fast-track to building her own business empire, after signing a deal to publish a new book, imdb.com reports.

The 26-year-old former model, who holds an executive office at the Trump Organization, has signed on with publishers at Simon & Schuster to write a motivational book, reports the New York Post.

"My father always impressed upon me the idea that America is a meritocracy and that you must work for everything you get," she says.

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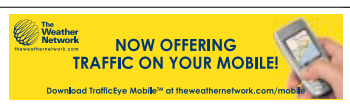

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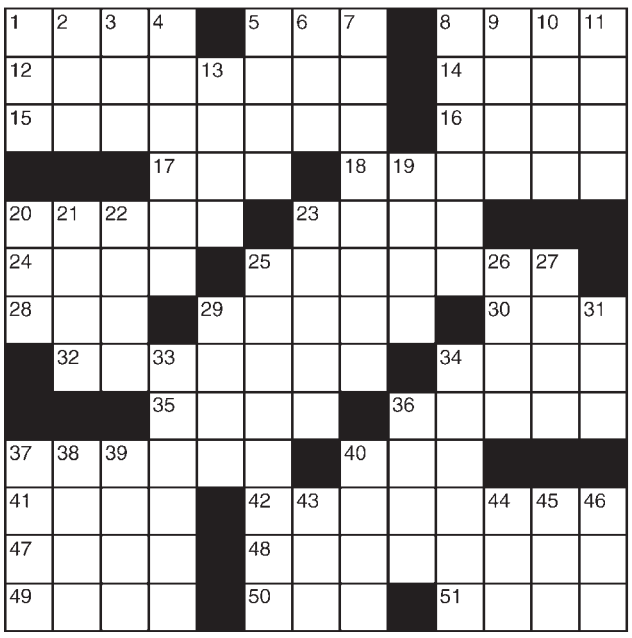

Crossword across

1 Nessie's home, for one
5 Banned insecticide
8 Post-bout apparel
12 Examination
14 Watched
15 Reverie
16 Repair
17 Speck
18 Open square, in Italy
20 With fervor
23 Poolroom prop
24 Reed instrument
25 Ray of light
28 Glutton
29 Play the banjo
30 Craze
32 Wrestling format
34 Dwindle
35 Get better
36 Shakespeare's Kate
37 Jewish village
40 Pair
41 Harbour city
42 Ben & Jerry's product
47 Settled down
48 Choker, e.g.
49 Interoffice note
50 Earth (Prefix)
51 Mulligan —

Crossword down

1 Hallucinogen letters
2 Goose, in Guadalajara
3 Weep
4 Football conference?
5 Regimen
6 "CSI" find
7 Middle ear membrane
8 Updated movie
9 Courtroom call
10 Mercedes- —
11 Icelandic epic
13 Helen's home
19 Cold War missile
20 Short flight
21 Newspaper notice
22 Forum garb
23 Not urban
25 Thief's task
26 Somewhere out there
27 Lion's pride?
29 Undo a dele
31 Morning moisture
33 Certain city area
34 Fingerprint spirals
36 Use a straw
37 Junk e-mail
38 Golf goal
39 Slender
40 Erte's style of art
43 Bee follower
44 Chow down
45 Expert
46 Kitten's call

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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7	5	4	1	8	3	6	2	9
5	4	9	8	6	2	7	3	1
8	2	3	5	7	1	9	6	4
1	7	6	9	3	4	8	5	2

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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Tuna and Bell Pepper Salad

INGREDIENTS:
12 oz (200 mL) new potatoes
2 oz (240 mL) thin green beans
4 small eggs
8 oz (130 mL) mixed salad leaves
1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped parsley
1 tbsp (15 mL) snipped fresh chives
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
1 tbsp (15 mL) tapenade (black olive paste)
2 garlic cloves, chopped
2 tbsp (25 mL) extra-virgin olive oil
1 tbsp (15 mL) red-wine vinegar
1 tsp (5 mL) balsamic vinegar
10 to 15 radishes, thinly sliced
1 can water-packed tuna, drained
3 oz (40 mL) cherry tomatoes
1 red bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
1 yellow bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
1 green bell pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
8 black olives
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper
Fresh basil leaves

METHOD:
1. Place potatoes in a saucepan and cover with boiling water. Boil over medium heat 10 minutes. Add beans and continue boiling until potatoes are tender and beans are just cooked, about 5 minutes longer. Drain well; set aside to cool.
2. Bring a medium saucepan of water to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium, add eggs, and from the time the water starts to simmer cook 10 minutes. Rinse eggs in cold water, peel and place in cold water.
3. Toss salad leaves with parsley, chives and red onion in a large, shallow bowl.
4. For dressing, beat tapenade with garlic, olive oil, red-wine vinegar and balsamic vinegar in a small bowl, and season with salt and pepper to taste. Pour two-thirds dressing over salad leaves and toss together.
5. Halve potatoes and arrange on top of leaves with green beans, radishes, tuna chunks, tomatoes, bell peppers and olives. Halve eggs and add to salad. Pour remaining dressing over and sprinkle with basil leaves. **SERVES 4**

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Make the first move in a new friendship. A man offers to buy your assets. Don't loosen up in the presence of a known critic.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Hide your true feelings for a former love. Believe only half of what you hear. Shoulder pain reveals a strain.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
There's no need to teach anyone a lesson. Management will make a special deal. A tiresome person really doesn't care about you.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Make up your mind to get going with your life. Say important things with candor. A scrumptious treat will bring friends together.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Happiness is the result of being understood. You were born to be wild. Open your heart to an Aquarian.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A stubborn person slows down your progress. A stranger improves your mood. You'll solve the mystery of love.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A powerful experience will change your attitude. A selfish guy makes you grit your teeth. Boundary issues will be upsetting.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Take care around hot things. Having an observant approach will save you time. A childish person wants emotional support.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Try to understand somebody's ridiculous viewpoint. You'll get insight into a stressful situation. A perfectionist is changed by falling in love.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Pay attention to a demanding spoilsport. There's a rough assignment ahead. Benefits are in store when a friend helps out.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You're getting restless again. A ludicrous promise is just a bit alarming. You'll be standoffish with disgusting people.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A patient person has a balanced approach. See a doctor if a minor illness won't go away. A narrow-minded person hurts another's feelings.

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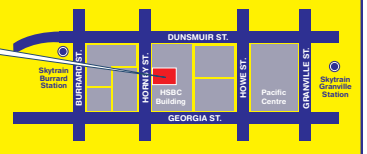

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